



RANDOLPH COUNTY

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“November is National Adoption Month”

National Adoption Month is an initiative sponsored by the Children's Bureau, in partnership with AdoptUSKids and Child Welfare Information Gateway. Each November, National Adoption Month brings awareness to the needs of children and youth waiting for a "forever family."

This year the theme is building an effective local response system to support prospective families in the initial stages of considering a teen adoption—and the later stages of preparing for and adjusting to it—by offering support services at every step. Teenagers are often hard to place, but they are as much in need of permanency as younger children and risk exiting the foster care system without any legal or emotional ties. A young person bereft of any family ties lacks the foundational support and compass all youth need as they mature into adulthood.

Randolph County Department of Social Services (DSS) has specific needs for homes that are able to take teenagers, or sibling sets of two or more, or children who have special needs. DSS currently has 122 children in foster care, many of which are still in need of a forever family.

Randolph County DSS has scheduled two informational sessions in November to promote awareness and the need for foster and adoptive homes. The first is on November 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the **Archdale Public Library** located at 10433 South Main Street, Archdale, NC 27263. The second informational session is on November 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm at **The Exchange** located at 204 South Fayetteville Street, Asheboro, NC 27203. We hope that you will join us at one of the sessions to find out more about this ever-growing need in our community.

Informational materials are also available as church bulletin inserts or for posting in service organizations or businesses. Anyone interested in distributing materials or setting up a display should call 336-683-8036.

Do you want to make a difference in a child's life by becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent? Attend one of the information sessions in November or contact a Foster Care Licensing Social Worker at your local DSS. In Randolph County call 336-683-8062 or email foster.adopt@randolphcountync.gov today. For more information, visit: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/adoption/> or the Randolph County website at: <http://www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Social-Services>

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